

Rev Amos A. Phelps
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do not like to go away until it is paid as
he has twice attached my property in my absence
and I am very anxious to get that note out
of his hands before I leave, as I cannot tell what he
may do as soon as I am gone - now if you
could help me about paying a part of it, and would
take the balance of it and wait on me one year I
would then pay you and the interest and for your trouble
but could you not take the balance of the note I
would try some way to cancel it before I leave -
I have paid in Principle and interest more than
\$2700 for Mr Thompson and get allowed in my
Claim \$505,41 and this Embarrass me, I have paid
to Mr Rice the amount allowed by the Commission
and the note is the balance due for work on the
farm - now Sir if you will look this carefully
over and inform me what your views are upon
it you will much oblige Yours Respectfully

Josh H. Osborn

before maturity even should she be compelled to sell her
necessary articles of household furniture. We then undismayed
Capt Ramsay and your Mother - well, time passed on, the note
matured and was not paid. Lewis waited some time, and
finally became impatient and sued us, in my absence, when
I returned home I met Messrs Andrews and Sillerton and
we made out the \$100 the interest and cost, I think the
whole amount was \$137 - and paid to him and he discontinued
the suit subsequently Mr Allen returned and paid ~~the~~ one
fourth of the amount leaving each of the amount \$34.25 soon
after Capt Ramsay sent on, I believe \$20 which is said to
have been divided between the four above named since which
it has remained - our legal claim has become extinct by
the Statute of Limitation, although your Mother has always affirmed
me that it should be paid - and I have no doubt she would
pay it had she the means of so doing. you may ask him why
I did not collect it of your Mother, in reply I answer that
it has been no part of my dealing with her to treat her otherwise
than in the most respectful manner, the \$5 which Capt Ramsay
paid will leave the amount of \$29.25 and interest for thirteen years
which will amount to \$22.81 $\frac{22.81}{53.06}$ - now if you can help me to
that amount or any other amount which would be convenient
for you it would be received as a favor. I present no
legal claim against you, I have none - and the reason that
I trespass upon you is that I am now under great want
for a little more money than I can command, I owe
Messrs McKee on a note about one hundred dollars and I

N. Osborne

Apr. 2^d 1845.

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Hamington April 2^d 1845

Rev A. A. Phelps

dear Sir

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permit me to make
a statement of a few facts relative to an old affair—
about 1829 your Mother was embarrass^d by reason of a
note which she had signed for Capt Ramsay to
Elijah Lewis of about \$200 her property was attached
by said Lewis with the apparent intention of sacrificing
it to get his money - I having a kind and friendly
feeling for your Mother necessarily sympathized and
went to see Mr Lewis and stated to him the situation
of your Mother and that, should he force a sale
of her property it would ruin her, and finally succeeded
in obtaining a promise that he would discontinue the process
if he could be secured, and would give further time, he
also agreed that he would deduct one half of the amount
and make the new note one hundred Dollars - I accordingly
set about getting the security and obtained a promise from
Seth Elliotson Samuel Allen A & G Andrews that they would
aid in securing the note taking three fourths of the responsibility
and I the one fourth - at this stage of proceedings your
Mother met us at my house - she felt sensibly the
kindness expressed and thought it was certain that she could
pay it within the time specified, and assured us that we
should be held harmless, as she would pay the note at or